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Dear House Education Committee:


At the Winter General Membership Meeting of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association held in Grand Rapids on Friday January 20, 2006, the following resolution was drafted and passed by the membership:

*"The Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association represents more than 1700 schools and 300,000 students statewide. The organization acknowledges the importance of a rigorous and balanced curriculum that includes the arts. The Michigan Merit Core Curriculum is a step toward a balanced education through its inclusion of no less than one credit of visual and performing arts for High School Graduation. In addition, we encourage alignment with the Goals 2000: Educate America Act. This federal mandate recognizes the arts as a core subject, equal in importance to Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education, and World Languages."*

On Saturday January 21, 2006, this resolution was read at each of the four inaugural concerts by our All-State Bands and Orchestras, performed by 450 of the top instrumental music students in Michigan. These concerts were at the conclusion of the Michigan Music Conference. Over 1,000 people were in attendance at each of these four concerts. Resounding applause greeted each reading.

We strongly urge you to support the inclusion of no less than one credit of visual and performing arts in your adoption of The Michigan Core Curriculum.

Sincerely,



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President

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